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Integration Panel
Guiding Principles for Category III Selection of Proposals

General Guidelines:
- Be consistent with the RFP.

- Identify gaps in proposals received to determine if priority actions are not being funded due to lack of qualified proposals.

- Include proposals that are innovative but doable.

- Provide funding for all Category III RFP priority species, if high quality proposals are submitted to address those species.

- Attempt to provide funding for all major geographic areas in the eligibility area

- Take advantage of time sensitive opportunities to achieve long-term restoration goals

- Give preference to proposals which have large, incremental benefits

Ecological Guidelines:
- Emphasize restoration of ecosystem processes that increase and sustain target habitats and species. When feasible emphasize restoration of ecosystem processes using natural self-sustaining methods.

- Emphasize restoration of species using natural methods of production.

- Emphasize protection and enhancement of existing habitats and processes over restoration or creation.

- Emphasize proposals which address multiple stressors and which have multiple benefits to species, habitats, or processes upon which these species depend.

- Do not dismiss or give low priority to projects merely because they are designed to address problems for which causes and remedies remain uncertain. Attempt to fund proposals that use management measures based on the best available information in ways that are likely to address critical problems while at the same time reducing uncertainty (i.e. adaptive management).

CALFED Related Guidelines:
- Emphasize proposals resolving conflicts in the problem area, but actions can be funded throughout the eligibility area. Focus on achieving CALFED mission to restore ecological health and improve water management for the beneficial uses of the Bay -Delta System.

- Avoid conflicts with the other CALFED objectives and when consistent with the objectives of the RFP, encourage proposals that address the other CALFED objectives.